

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-18, without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 19-25. A complete listing of the claims of this application follows.

Claims 1-18 (Cancelled).

Claim 19 (New): An information processing apparatus comprising:

an outer casing member having an inner surface, an outer surface, a first substantially rectangular open portion configured to define a first rectangular opening which penetrates the outer casing, and a fixing base portion provided on the inner surface of the first open portion;

a display module including a display element having a rectangular display surface, and a first cover structure formed of a thin plate having a first frame portion configured to define a second opening, a first holding portion configured to receive and hold the display element so as to expose the display surface in the second opening, and a first mounting portion extending from the first holding part; and

a second cover structure formed of a thin plate and having a second frame portion configured to define a third opening portion having a same size as that of the second opening, a second holding portion configured to receive and hold the first

holding portion so as to align the third opening with the second opening and expose the display surface in the third opening, and a second mounting portion extending from the second holding portion;

wherein the first and second mounting portions are contacted each other and are fixed to the fixing base portion, the second mounting portion is fitted into the first opening as to expose the display surface and the second frame portion in the first opening, and the second frame portion and the outer surface of the casing member is arranged to form a substantial continuous surface.

Claim 20 (New): The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the outer casing member is formed of a resin material and the first and second covers are made of metal.

Claim 21 (New): The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the first and second mounting portions are formed into flange portions extending approximately parallel to the inner surface of the outer casing member and serving as stopper for preventing the first and second covers from being detached from the outer surface.

Claim 22 (New): The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the outer surface of the outer casing member and the display surface of the display plate part

are on an approximately identical face.

Claim 23 (New): The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the holding portion is provided with a rectangular frame extending along the peripheral edge of the display surface and has a substantially same color as that of the outer casing member.

Claim 24 (New): The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein engaging portions are formed on a side wall surface of the open portion provided on the outer casing member and a corresponding portion of the second cover engaging with the side wall surface to prevent the side wall surface and the corresponding portion from being detached from each other.

Claim 25 (New): The apparatus according to claim 24 wherein an engagement recess portion is formed on the side wall surface of the first open portion, an engagement projection portion engaging with the engagement recess portion is formed on the corresponding portion of the second cover, and the engagement projection portion serves as a pawl elastically deformed and inserted into the engagement recess portion.